

**AGENDA**  
**WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**\*\*\*\*\*September 17, 2023 \*\*\*\*\***

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotions: Becky Langloss
- 3) Stating Our Mission Statement Together
- 4) Recognition of Visitors:
- 5) Additions to Agenda/Approval
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Financial Secretary's Report
- 8) Secretary's Report
- 9) Report of the Property Manager
- 10) Unfinished Business: (old business)
  1. Basement wall bids
- 11) New Business:
  1. Congregational meeting
  - 2.
- 12) Report of the Pastor
- 13) Report of the Dir. of Faith Formation
- 14) Report of the Dir. of Youth and Family
- 15) Report of the Dir. of Music
- 16) Reports of the Ministry Teams
  - a) Administration - Sheryl
  - b) Christian Education -
  - c) Missions and Outreach -
  - d) Local Ministry - Cheryl, Becky
  - e) Membership – Janna
  - f) Properties – Dean, Jared, Chris
  - g) Stewardship – Mike, Theresa
  - h) Worship & Evangelism - Ben
  - I) Endowment - Jennie
- 17) Other Reports
- 18) For Your Information
- 19) Thank You:
- 20) Next Meeting: October  
Next Ministry Team Meeting: October 4, 2023 | 7 p.m.
- 21) Adjourn/Prayer

**Financial Secretary's Report – Sent separately**

**Treasurer's Report – Sent separately**

## **Director of Faith Formation Report September 2023**

Jessi Rakness

### Planning/Organizing

- Planning children's messages for worship.
- I still watch the Facebook live stream comments during worship on Sunday mornings. I also let Pastor Jared know if anyone sends a prayer request.
- Assisting with planning Confirmation and High School Ministry that will begin this week.
- Ministry teams met on September 6<sup>th</sup> -
  - Health Ministry is leading the Confirmation parent night on October 11<sup>th</sup> talking about addiction. They have a speak for GIFT Sunday on January 21<sup>st</sup>. They are also organizing cards to color for GIFT Sunday on April 14<sup>th</sup> for our Bereavement Ministry.
  - Sunday school is teaming up with Missions Ministry for Operation Christmas Child. Each grade is collecting a different category of items that will be dispersed in the shoeboxes. We'll be collecting donations until October 22<sup>nd</sup> when we'll have our service project party!
  - Membership and Christian Education teams are working together on the October 1<sup>st</sup> brunch potluck.
- Sunday school
  - Rally Sunday went GREAT!! We had a lot students and a lot of energy!
  - Praise the Lord! Each Sunday school class has 2 (or more) AMAZING teachers!!
    - 3 year old/parent – Nicole Finnesand and me
    - Kindergarten – Mindy Hill and Nicole Questad
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Jennie Criddle, Maddie Wenzel, and Emily Wenzel
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Peggy Keller, Nina Keller, Riley Bunde, and Anja Rakness
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Angie Lee and Megan Faber
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Becky Jones and Miranda Bunde
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jenifer Bemboom, Matt McAreavey, and me
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Nicky Jackson and Kenzie Atwood
    - **If you see any of these wonderful people, please say THANK YOU for teaching Sunday school! ☺**
  - The new Sunday school furniture looks GREAT! It will be awesome to see the downstairs rooms painted.
  - I sorted the curriculum for each teacher and handed it out at our teacher meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Milestones
    - I will lead the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bible lesson on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and their parents. Students will receive their bible at the 10:30 worship service.
    - 3 year old students will receive their Prayer Pillow on October 1<sup>st</sup>. I had seven 3 year olds with parents/grandparents in their Sunday school class on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning Trunk or Treat community event on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Ministry

- Pastoral care
- Writing council report and info for The Reporter.
- Communicating with Pastor Jared, Elise, Kristi, Board of Education, students, and parents.

## **Worship and Music**

### **Church Council Report – August 2023**

*Submitted by Kristi Stelter, Director of Worship and Music*

#### **Worship Service Schedule—**

August 6 – 9:30 Traditional worship (Kristi gone)  
August 13 – 9:30 Combined worship at Community Center  
August 20 – 9:30 Traditional worship  
August 27 – 9:30 Blended worship (“Texas Kyrie” liturgy)

#### **Ongoing responsibilities include:**

- Prepare schedule of organists and vocalists
- Select hymns and worship songs for all worship services
- Communication with vocalists and organists regarding worship schedule, any rehearsal times and upcoming events
- Keyboardist for services led by contemporary worship band
- Provide vocal leadership when needed
- Run powerpoint for worship when needed
- Communications with Worship Committee
- Prepare monthly report for review by the church council
- Assist Pr. Jared with worship schedule and general worship planning

#### **Responsibilities specific for August include:**

- Provided accompaniment for worship August 27

## **Ministry Team Minutes**

**None submitted**

### MINUTES

West Nidaros Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
August 20, 2023

- 1) Called to order: 1045 Mike Bemboom
- 2) Devotions: Jared Questad
- 3) Stating our Mission Statement Together
- 4) Recognition of Visitors: N/A
- 5) Additions to Agenda/Approval: MSC Chris Langloss/Ben Hasche
- 6) Treasurer’s Report – Lynette Kautz
- 7) Financial Secretary’s Report: MSC Jana Schneiderman/Jennie Criddle
- 8) Secretary’s Report: MSC Jennie Criddle/Cheryl Anderson
- 9) Report of Property Manager: Sunday school rooms will be painted near future, balcony railing should be completed very soon, signs are going up in the church and outside, waiting for Builders Electric to get here with lights, approximate foundation bids have come in from Innovative

(Fargo)/\$45K and Rapid Foundation (Rapid City)/\$55K – Innovative appears to be better quality for long-term; there bid is about \$10K higher. Dumpsters are in back of church and filling, Nicole Questad's room is making progress. Proposed to begin notifying the congregation for awareness. Begin informational meetings this fall. Double H Paving will come provide grade level.

10) Unfinished business: (Old Business)

1. Building use request – Tae Kwon Do by June (Mike Bemboom has visited with her a couple times, \$100/month charge, one night/week on Tuesday's, Mike Bemboom designed mock basic contract through August 2024. MSC Chris Langloss/Cheryl Anderson to move forward.
2. Sunday school remodel – moving forward with upgrade project, estimated to be under \$10K MSC Cheryl Anderson/Jana Schneiderman

11) New Business:

1. Financial Task Force recommendation – Lynette Kautz posted copy within council package. Discussion on the recommendations, further discussion as needed, Finance Committee needs to be established in the near future. Task the Endowment Committee to move the ELCA MIF w/a set deadline; create a meeting with this Endowment Committee to establish guidelines. Lynette purchase CD w/cash reserves/funds MSC Jennie Criddle/Cheryl Anderson. Lynette & Pastor begin getting names for Finance Committee.
2. Basement wall bids – covered in the Property Manager report

12) Report of Pastor – Sunday school starting, fall events kicking off, attendance has been great, signs have been posted around the church, working on a Vision Task Force team.

13) Report of the Dir. of Faith Formation

14) Report of the Dir. of Youth and Family

15) Report of the Dir. of Music

16) Reports of the Ministry Teams

- a. Administration – Sheryl
- b. Christian Education – Caitlin
- c. Missions and Outreach
- d. Local Ministry – Cheryl, Becky
- e. Membership – Janna
- f. Properties – Dean, Jared, Chris
- g. Stewardship – Mike & Theresa
- h. Worship & Devotional Life – Ben
- i. Endowment – Jennie

17) Other Reports – N/A

18) For Your Information – N/A

19) Thank You: Todd Myhre GPS and helped set up platts w/Cemetary Committee. Financial Task Force, Elise for her Admin setup

20) Next Meeting: Sept 17th/10:45 pm

21) Next Ministry Team Meeting: Sept 6th/7:00pm

22) Adjourn/Prayer: 12:21pm MSC Jennie Criddle/Sheryl Engler